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TO AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR PRIORITY

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SUBJECT:REMODELLING OF CHANCERY AND LINCOLN CENTER; GENERAL
SERVICES PERSONNEL

FOR JACKSON FROM SCARRITT

1. NETHERCUT AND I APPRECIATE THE STAFFING PROBLEM WHICH
WILL BE CREATED BY DUFFY'S DEPARTURE PRIOR TO THE ARRIVAL
OF HIS SUCCESSOR. UNFORTUNATELY, THE DEPARTMENT IS UNABLE
TO PROVIDE CONTACT REPLACEMENTS IN MOST FIELDS, ESPECI-
ALLY GENERAL SERVICES WHERE THERE IS A SEVERE SHORTAGE OF
QUALIFIED OFFICERS.

2. I WOULD HAVE WISHED TO MAKE BOGGS AVAILABLE TO FILL
THE GENERAL SERVICES GAP BUT AM UNABLE TO DO SO SINCE HE
HAS ALREADY DEPARTED FOR HIS NEW POST OF ASSIGNMENT.

3. IN ORDER TO RESPOND IN A POSITIVE MANNER TO YOUR APPEAL
FOR GENERAL SERVICES COVERAGE NETHERCUT AND I PROPOSE THE
FOLLOWING COURSES OF ACTION:

A. DELAY THE DEPARTURE OF THE CHRISTIANS UNTIL NOVEMBER 1,
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AT WHICH TIME THEY PROCEED DIRECTLY TO JAKARTA. THIS WILL

PERMIT GARY CHRISTIAN TO CONTINUE TO SERVE IN THE CONSULAR

SECTION DURING THE ABSENCE OF STEBBINS AT THE CONSULAR CONFERENCE IN HONG KONG OCTOBER 1 TO 3, AND PERMIT CAROLYN TO CONTINUE TO PERFORM HER CURRENTLY ASSIGNED FUNCTIONS UNTIL DEPARTURE.

B. RECONFIRM LA PRADE'S ARRIVAL, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND IS NOW SCHEDULED TO BE OCTOBER 20. WE DO NOT COMTEMPLATE ASKING LA PRADE TO MAKE ANY FURTHER ACCOMMODATIONS SINCE HE HAS ALREADY VOLUNTARILY ADJUSTED HIS SCHEDULE ONCE.

C. ARRANGE FOR RASMUSSEN ARRIVAL ON OR ABOUT OCTOBER 23 TO PERMIT ONE WEEK OVERLAP WITH CAROLYN CHRISTIAN.

4. AS I INDICATED TO YOU IN STATE 206814, I MET WITH AMBASSADOR UNDERHILL AND REPRESENTATIVES OF SY TO REVIEW PROPOSALS FOR IMPROVING THE SECURITY OF THE CHANCERY AND RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY. AMBASSADOR UNDERHILL RESERVED JUDGEMENT ON SEVERAL RECOMMENDATIONS PENDING HIS RETURN TO KUALA LUMPUR. I HAVE ALSO BEEN IN TOUCH WITH MR. LORIN JURVIS OF USIA/W CONCERNING REHABILITATION WORK UNDERTAKEN IN THE USIS LINCOLN CENTER INCLUDING THE POSSIBLE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN USIS FUNCTIONS FROM THE CHANCERY TO THE LINCOLN CENTER. I HAVE ASKED PAUL SEREY OF FBO FOR THE LOAN OF MR. LORA, AN FBO EMPLOYEE HIGHLY EXPERIENCED IN BUILDING DESIGN AND SPACE LAYOUT, PRESENTLY ASSIGNED TO BANGKOK.

5. YOUR RECENT MESSAGES SUGGEST THAT EXTENSIVE STRUCTURAL CHANGES WILL HAVE TO BE MADE IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE SECURITY POSTURE RECOMMENDED BY THE COUNTRY TEAM AND THE CHARGE'. EXPENDITURES OF THIS MAGNITUDE WOULD BE SUBSTANTIAL AND WOULD REQUIRE STRONG SUPPORT OF THE BUREAU AND USIA BEFORE FUNDS WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE.

6. DURING THE COURSE OF MY CONVERSATION WITH MR. JURVIS, I WAS INFORMED THAT HE WILL BE VISITING KUALA LUMPUR WITHIN THE NEXT TWO TO THREE WEEKS. SINCE I PLAN TO ATTEND THE CONSULAR CONFERENCE IN HONG KONG AND VISIT JAKARTA, SINGAPORE, KUALA LUMPUR, BANGKOK AND VIENTIANE, I SHALL ARRANGE UNCLASSIFIED

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MY SCHEDULE SO AS TO BE IN KUALA LUMPUR WITH HIM. I AM ALSO TRYING TO ARRANGE FOR FBO LORA TO MEET WITH US AT YOUR POST.

7. IN MY OPINION OUR VISIT SHOULD NOT ONLY AFFORD AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS IN SPECIFIC TERMS THE PROPOSALS FOR SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS BUT ALSO PUT US IN A VERY GOOD POSITION UPON OUR RETURN TO WASHINGTON TO DEFEND

THE REQUEST FOR ANTI-TERRORISM FUNDS.

8. PLEASE ADVISE IF THE FOREGOING PROPOSALS POSE ANY
MAJOR PROBLEMS. IF NOT, WE WILL PROCEED ACCORDINGLY. KISSINGER

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